

United Association Local 342 on this important milestone and thank you for the invaluable service you provide to our community. We wish you all the best as you forge ahead toward another 100 years of protecting the rights of workers.

IN HONOR OF MAYOR JULIE
SCHRECK

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in commemoration of the life of former Bradley Beach Mayor Julie Schreck. Mayor Schreck passed away on May 4, 2014 after a life filled with numerous personal and professional accomplishments.

Prior to serving as the first female mayor of Bradley Beach, Mayor Schreck worked in the corporate communications and training field for 25 years. She began her career in public service as a councilwoman for the Borough of Bradley Beach. After four years as mayor, she became the Admissions Director at Voyagers' Community School, where her daughter is a student.

During her tenure as mayor of Bradley Beach, Mayor Schreck promoted her interest in the environment and the arts. Her administration focused on sustainability, community-building and equity and supported an open and accountable government.

The daughter of Pat and Ray Schreck, Mayor Schreck was born in New Haven, Connecticut on July 27, 1962. She was a scholar and an athlete in high school and college, graduating Fordham University with a Bachelor's degree in English. Mayor Schreck leaves behind a loving family, including her husband Joseph West and 8 year-old daughter Molly West, her parents and siblings Rachel Schreck, Kristina Ellis and Rich Schreck.

Mr. Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in honoring Mayor Schreck for her dedication to her family, leadership to the Bradley Beach community and her commitment to each endeavor she undertook.

SUPPORT OF OUR STRATEGIC
ALLY, ISRAEL

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, rise today in support of our strategic ally, and the only democracy in the Middle East, Israel.

Over 65 years ago, the Nation of Israel was founded and the Jewish people returned to their long-promised homeland.

In the Middle East, it is vital that Israel and the United States continue to protect our shared values including our commitment to liberty, equality and religious freedom.

I am pleased to see that the House Armed Services Committee restored funding to joint U.S.-Israeli missile defenses.

Israel's security should be our first priority but this includes more than just weapons funding.

I support the talks and negotiations currently taking place with Iran.

As the Obama Administration continues talks with Iran, we, in Congress, have a responsibility to continue considering additional sanctions in case the talks fail.

The Iranians must understand that weapons grade uranium enrichment will not be tolerated and that the United States and Israel's security will be protected.

We will continue to monitor the negotiations closely and Congress will not hesitate to act should further sanctions become necessary.

PRIVATE SHIRLEY BROWN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Private Shirley Brown for her service to our country.

Private Brown heard the call to join the military after President Roosevelt's speech to the country in the aftermath of Pearl Harbor. She was only 18 at the time and had to wait until she turned 20 to join the service. On her 20th birthday, Shirley and her mother took the bus to the recruiting station where she joined the United States Marine Corps and served from March 1944 to December 1945.

Private Brown's most memorable times during her military service was learning to drive in a convoy and repairing military trucks.

Private Brown served courageously, and she charted the path for future generations of women to serve in the military. I extend my deepest appreciation to Private Shirley Brown for her dedication, integrity and outstanding service to the United States of America.

JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS OF
TRAFFICKING ACT OF 2014

SPEECH OF

HON. TOM MARINO

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. MARINO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to support this legislation.

I was a U.S. Attorney for several years.

My staff and I prosecuted a prostitution ring. There were several defendants.

All the defendants were convicted.

The convictions were affirmed on appeal.

Women and girls from in their twenties down to their teens, low teens, were kidnapped, tortured mentally and physically, and raped, repeatedly.

A wire tap revealed that the defendants were on the phone complaining that their hands hurt so much from beating the victims to get them to do what they did not want to do.

The sentences of the defendants were lengthy.

In fact, one of the ring leaders, who went by the name William "Sleazy T" Williams, an appropriate name, received 45 years in prison.

This is the quintessential reason why we must pass this legislation.

THE CENTENNIAL OF THE HAM-
TRAMCK POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark an important milestone in the City of Hamtramck as the community comes together to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Hamtramck Police Department.

When Hamtramck first incorporated as a village in 1901, the tight-knit community was served by a single Marshall, Charles Johnson. For the first twelve years of its existence, Hamtramck was served by one law enforcement officer. On November 14, 1914, under the leadership of Marshall Bernard Whalen, the Hamtramck Village Police Force was formed. As the Hamtramck community entered the 1920s, the police force began to develop and take shape.

Hailed as a progressive organization for its time, the Hamtramck Police Department employed multiple African American officers beginning in the 1920s. When Officer Harry Wurmuserkerken became chief in 1922, he oversaw the specialization of the department into bureaus to better serve the people of Hamtramck. Just two years later, the Hamtramck Police added a Women's Division to the department under the direction of Mrs. Susan Glinski. This division provided significant support to women and families living in the community. Thanks to its efforts, Hamtramck had one of the lowest juvenile delinquency rates in Michigan.

Over the decades that followed, the department grew along with the City of Hamtramck, reaching its peak of 120 officers in the 1940s. The department implemented many new technologies that helped increase responsiveness and public safety, including new patrol cars, a Teletype machine, a fire signal system, and a Western Electric one way radio system. During this time, thanks to the efforts and sacrifices of its officers in uniform, Hamtramck was named Safest City in America by AAA in 1946.

Following the peak of Hamtramck's population, the police department, just as its counterparts in neighboring municipalities, faced a period of tribulation where its officers faced increasing crime rates coupled with decreasing population and resources. In spite of these challenges, the men and women of the Hamtramck Police Department have been vigilant to protect their vibrant and diverse community. Their efforts are an important part of revitalizing the Southeast Michigan region and I commend the officers of the Hamtramck Police Department for their bravery and service to the community. The 100th Anniversary of the police department is a great milestone in the history of Hamtramck and I wish the officers of the department continued success and safety in their ongoing endeavors to protect their community.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE JEWISH COUNCIL ON URBAN AFFAIRS

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Jewish Council on Urban Affairs, JCUA, on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary.

From its inception in 1964, the enduring mission of JCUA has always been to combat poverty, racism, and anti-Semitism, working in partnership with Chicago's diverse communities. Guided by the Jewish principles of "tzedek" (justice) and "tikkun olam" (repairing the world), JCUA has reached across faith, race, and class to pursue social and economic justice for those most affected by poverty and discrimination.

JCUA has been an active and leading voice in Chicago for five decades. During that time, JCUA has facilitated the development and preservation of thousands of units of affordable housing, advocated for public policies that address the root causes of poverty, and educated and mobilized a Jewish constituency to create a more just Chicago.

During JCUA's 50 years of working in Chicago's diverse communities, it has also fostered deep relationships and built an understanding and trust with the organizations with which they partner. By bringing Jewish voices and Jewish participation to their issues—as partners and allies—JCUA continues to tackle root causes of injustice to create positive systemic change.

While the specific campaigns, issues, and challenges in Chicago have changed, poverty and racism continue as modern day plagues, creating enormous obstacles and threatening the humanity of everyone. Today, JCUA pursues social and economic justice through issue-based campaigns, community investment, and building bridges between the Jewish community and communities challenged by poverty and discrimination.

JCUA's Community Ventures Program provides zero-interest loans to spur the creation of affordable housing and economic development projects. One loan recently allowed St. Leonard's Ministries to help open the doors of Gracie's Café in partnership with St. Leonard's Ministry, providing jobs and training for formerly incarcerated men and women.

Through ongoing solidarity and partnership with grassroots community groups, JCUA demonstrates that effectively addressing the root causes of social injustice in partnerships and in coalitions with those directly impacted is the most effective way to combat systemic oppression.

JCUA's Jewish Muslim Community Building Initiative, in partnership with Muslim groups, continues to build strong bridges between Jewish and non-Jewish communities. These relationships help to dissolve barriers of potential bigotry and ignorance and to foster a culture of genuine understanding and respect.

And finally, JCUA plants seeds for a better future through its teen social justice program, Or Tzedek, engaging youth as active leaders and organizers in current social justice campaigns. Or Tzedek provides teens with inspiration and the know-how to be powerful and effective agents of social change.

The Jewish Council on Urban Affairs remains as relevant today as it was 50 years ago—serving as an essential Jewish voice for social justice. I join others in the Chicago area offering my gratitude for JCUA's five decades of service.

HONORING KEVIN BAKER

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Kevin Baker, an American History teacher from Springfield, Missouri, who led his 30th annual school trip to Washington, D.C., this spring.

On March 11, 2014, Kevin completed his 30th school trip to Washington with a group of nearly 100 students from Pershing Middle School in Springfield, Missouri. While in Washington, the students visited the Capitol, Library of Congress, Smithsonian museums, and the many monuments along the National Mall celebrating our heritage.

It is no easy task to plan and coordinate a trip involving such a large number of students and parents, but the support of the Springfield community helps make these trips a continued success, including the help of Anne Lanzilotta, the group's tour guide for the last 28 years, and his fellow teachers Scott Corn and Cale McAninch who have assisted him on the annual trips for the last 15 years.

Kevin's passion for American history runs through his family. His wife Valerie and two sons Tristan and Trevor have attended multiple trips and not only encourage his efforts, they enjoy them. Kevin continues the tour of the capital because he wants all of his students to experience the history of our country through the monuments, museums, and memorials, as well as to share that love for country, that awestruck feeling he received every time he traveled to Washington. He credits his work ethic to the examples set by his parents, Luther and Joyce, and the support he received growing up from his younger brother Dwight.

Kevin hopes that these annual trips will motivate or inspire some of his young students to return to Washington as elected officials and embrace new ideas for the future of our great nation. He credits the Springfield community for making so many of these trips possible. The education of a child is a once in a lifetime experience, and the immersion into our history and political process makes the efforts well worth it.

RECOGNIZING JOHNNY HARRIS' 90TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Johnny Harris Restaurant of Savannah, which will celebrate the 90th anniversary of its founding this May. This barbeque joint has been a mainstay for the people of Savannah since it opened its doors as a simple roadside establishment on May 1, 1924, and it

has always been one of my favorite spots in Savannah.

The Johnny Harris Restaurant is one of the oldest food service providers in the city. Much to the amusement of native Savannahians, the restaurant has a long history of serving its customers with entertainment in addition to excellent food and legendary barbeque sauce. When Johnny Harris, founder and namesake of the restaurant, first moved to the Victory Drive location, there was a small zoo directly behind the property. His wife, Mrs. Harris, often took of the zoo's monkeys on carriage rides around the neighborhood to the delight of local children.

For Johnny Harris, the customer has always been the number one priority. It was the first restaurant in Savannah to install an air conditioning system for its dance floor as well as a revolving bandstand. It remained in business through the Great Depression and is exemplary of hard work, perseverance, and hospitality of Savannahians. I am proud to congratulate Johnny Harris Restaurant as it celebrates this historic milestone.

CONDOLENCES REGARDING MINE EXPLOSION IN TURKEY

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I was saddened to learn of the recent mining disaster in Soma, Turkey, which has now claimed 301 lives, and I extend my deepest condolences to the people of Turkey who struggle to make sense of this unfortunate accident. My thoughts and prayers are with both the families mourning the loss of their loved ones, and with the injured as they begin their long journeys to recovery.

Turkey is a longstanding friend and ally of the United States. From the Cold War to the fight against international terror, we have stood together against challenges and threats and we stand again in solidarity with our Turkish friends at this very difficult time. On behalf of myself and my constituents, I wish to offer the people of Soma, and the people of Turkey, our deepest sympathies.

RECOGNITION OF EXEMPLARY ACT PERFORMANCE

HON. STEPHEN LEE FINCHER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Mr. FINCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate 10 outstanding high school seniors from Carroll County, Tennessee. These scholars were recently recognized by the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce for their academic excellence in scoring a 29 or better on the national ACT test. This accomplishment ranks the students among the top seven percent in the nation of all the students who took the ACT exam.

I commend—Brandon Barker, Micah Bullock, Dan Hoffman, Joshua Howell, Corey Kleppe, Joshua Malley, Robert Medford, Katelyn Ridley, Lucas Simmons and Kelsey